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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Intelligence

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SUBJECT: Strengthening our Analytic Effort on South Africa

1. ALA has taken the steps described below to ensure that we have adequate manpower on the expanding South Africa account and to provide for the rigorous questioning of the assumptions of our analysis. [redacted]

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4. Bob Gates has discussed with you a planned DI paper on how South Africa has changed as a result of this year of civil unrest--including whether it is moving toward a "state of siege"--and what this means for US equities and policy options in the future. [redacted] will oversee production of this paper on his return from South Africa. [redacted]

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5. ALA will sponsor a day-long seminar with outside consultants to review our analytical assumptions and to see that we are asking the right questions in this period of rapid change. This conference will take place toward the end of September and is likely to involve [redacted] of Georgetown, [redacted] of Yale, [redacted] of Berkeley, and [redacted] a private consultant. We are also contracting for some outside "alternative analysis" on South Africa. [redacted]

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6. Within the Agency, we are holding biweekly discussions with officers of all involved components to coordinate our ongoing effort, like the meetings we have been holding for many months on Central America. ALA, OGI, and EURA are producing a series of articles on economic and minerals issues. These are supplementing our already heightened coverage of South Africa in the NID and PDB. [redacted]

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7. We are staying in touch with State/AF and the NSC staff directly and via Fred Wettering's attendance at interagency meetings. This gives us a pretty good idea what analytical work is needed, but obviously we would welcome your ideas as well. [redacted]

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/ John L. Helgerson /

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